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CAN THE MIGHTY
BLACKHAWKS
COPE WITH FANATICAL
Leitch AND HER
SCHEME OF DEATH!





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YOU SURE CAN SIS, ALSO DOLLS BICYCLES AND MANY OTHER THINGS, JUST MAIL COUPON TO START, LIKE I DID



AND SIS MAILED IN THE COUPON AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE

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YOU'LL SELL THEM FAST!

THANKS, SIS, THIS IS A WONDERFUL ART PICTURE THAT YOU'RE GIVING ME WITH THIS FINE SALVE



YES! GIVING THE PICTURES MADE IT FUN TO SELL ALL I NEED FOR MY WATCH

IT SURE IS - I'M GOING TO GET A BIKE NEXT



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Blackhawk

AND
THE SPORES
OF TERROR!



HER NAME WAS LILITH...AND MEN CALLED HER, WITH REASON, THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMAN IN THE EASTERN WORLD! BUT NOT EVEN HER CLOSEST COHORTS KNEW THE FULL SCOPE OF HER MAD DESIGN FOR VENGEANCE! AND NOT EVEN THE BLACKHAWKS, DARK KNIGHTS OF THE SKY LANES, KNEW HOW TO COPE WITH THE MIND-STAGGERING HORROR THAT LILITH UNLEASHED UPON CIVILIZATION!

BLACKHAWK

ONE BIK ON BLACKHAWK ISLAND, DR. ANDRE IS MANAGING THE WIRELESS...

PARBLEU! YOU MAY DEPEND ON IT, DOCTOR KORNLEE! WE WILL COME AT ONCE!

WHAT'S UP, ANDRE?



ZAT WAS DOCTARE KORNLEE, ZE LEADING AUTHORITY ON PLANT LIFE! HE WEESES US TO VEESEE HIS LABO-RATORY! HE SAYS HE HAS DISCOVERED ZE WORLD'S MOST TEREEBLE WEAPON!

HMN! DOCTOR KORNLEE DOESN'T USUALLY EXAGGERATE!



AND HE WOULDN'T PUT THROUGH AN EMERGENCY CALL TO US WITHOUT REASON! BUT I NEVER KNEW HE WAS WORKING ON ARMAMENTS!

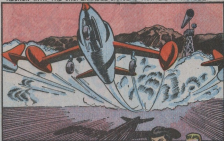
BY GAW, MAYBE THIS IS WEAPON DIFFERENT FROM ANY WE KNOW!



DOCTOR KORNLEE'S LAB IS A LONG WAY FROM HERE! WE'D BETTER GET STARTED IF WE EXPECT TO ARRIVE BEFORE NIGHT-FALL! LET'S GO, GANG!



THE RALLYING CRY OF THE BLACKHAWKS SIGNALS THE START OF A NEW ADVENTURE! BUT THIS TIME NOT EVEN THE BLACKHAWKS RECKON WITH THE UNSPEAKABLE DANGERS THAT LIE IN WAIT...



MEANWHILE, AS THE TWILIGHT DUSK DEEPENS OUTSIDE DOCTOR KORNLEE'S LABORATORY...

WHERE ARE THE BLACKHAWKS? WHY DON'T THEY COME? THEY'RE THE ONLY MEN I CAN TRUST WITH THIS TERRIBLE SECRET!



BUT SURELY YOU WOULD TRUST... A WOMAN!

WHO ARE YOU? HOW DID YOU GET HERE?





MOMENTS LATER, WHEN THE BLACKHAWKS ENTER....



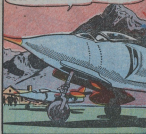


TENSE, ANXIOUS MOMENTS PASS AS THE BLACKHAWKS LIE PRONE, BREATHING SHALLOWLY FROM THEIR CUPPED HANDS...



BLACKHAWK

PERHAPS WE ARE LUCKY... BUT DR. KORNLEE WASN'T! HIS MURDERERS GOT AWAY WITH THE TERRIBLE WEAPON HE MENTIONED! WE DIDN'T FIND IT ANYWHERE IN HIS LABORATORY AND WE'LL NEVER KNOW WHAT IT WAS... NOW!



BLACKHAWK IS MISTAKEN! FOR SOMETIME LATER, IN LILITH'S SECRET HEADQUARTERS...

WITH DR. KORNLEE'S WEAPON, WE CAN STRIKE A DECISIVE BLOW AT MY COUNTRY'S ENEMIES! WE SHALL NOT FORGET YOU IN OUR HOUR OF TRIUMPH, LILITH!



YOU ARE SO KIND, IGOR... AND I CONFESS THAT YOUR COUNTRY PAYS WELL FOR MY HUMBLE SERVICES!

BUT I AM NOT YET READY TO TURN OVER THIS NEW WEAPON! I INTEND TO GIVE IT A PRACTICAL TEST... AND DESTROY THE BLACKHAWKS! THEN I WILL SEND THE SECRET TO YOUR HOMELAND!



THIS WAS NOT PART OF THE AGREEMENT! IF MY SUPERIORS LEARNED THAT YOU ARE WITHHOLDING VALUABLE INFORMATION!

THEY WILL NEVER FIND OUT, MY DEAR IGOR, UNLESS YOU TELL THEM!



BUT YOU WOULD NOT BETRAY ME, IGOR! I AM DOING THIS FOR BOTH OUR SALES! WHEN THE BLACKHAWKS ARE DEAD, WE WILL NEVER HAVE TO FEAR ANYONE... AGAIN!

LILITH, I-I CAN'T THINK WHEN YOU LOOK AT ME LIKE THIS!



IGOR WILL DO AS I SAY! HE WILL BETRAY HIS OWN COUNTRY... FOR ME! AND HE WILL NEVER LEARN... UNTIL IT IS TOO LATE... WHAT I REALLY WANT!



DOWN ON BLACKHAWK ISLAND, AND THE MUTED THROBBING OF A LONE PLANE'S ENGINE BREAKS THE STILLNESS...



BLACKHAWK



BLACKHAWK



TOO FAST! THEY SEEM TO CLUSTER MOST THICKLY AROUND THAT BROKEN JAR!

IS SAME OBJECT WHICH HE TRIES TO TOSS OVERBOARD!



GOLLIES!

GET BACK, CHOP CHOP! THE WEEDS ARE STILL SPREADING! EACH NEW PLANT TOSSES OUT HUNDREDS OF SPORES!

WITH ASTONISHING RAPIDITY, THE STRANGE BLIGHT SPREADS...



THE STUFF TAKES ROOT IN ANY KIND OF SOIL! BUT THE CONCRETE AIRSTRIP WILL STOP IT!



I BEG TO DEEFAR, MON AMI! ZOSE QUEER SPORES TAKE ROOT ON ANYTHING!

WELL, I'LL BE A CROSS EYED HOLLYHOCK! THE ROOTS ARE DIGGING DOWN TO SMASH UP THE AIR-STRIP!



QUICKLY SEIZING SCYTHES FROM THE TOOLHOUSE...

WHEN! IT'S USELESS! THIS STUFF REPRODUCES FASTER THAN AN ARMY OF RABBITS!



THERE GOES THE TOOLSHED! THE PLANES AND HANGARS WILL GO NEXT! ONLY ONE THING LEFT TO SAVE BLACKHAWK ISLAND FROM BECOMING A JUNGLE!



ROLL OUT THESE OIL CANS! THE WIND'S WITH US!

SACRE! SOMETHING TELLS ME WE'LL NEED ALL THE ALLIES WE CAN GET! LOOK WHERE ZAT BROWN WAVE EES ALREADY!



MY RULERS WISH TO ENSLAVE THE WORLD, NOT DESTROY IT! YOU MUST MAKE CLEAR THAT OUR ENEMIES CAN SAVE THEMSELVES BY SURRENDER!

THAT WILL COME LATER, ISOR! TRUST ME!

FIRST WE MUST GIVE THEM PROOF OF OUR POWER... TO DESTROY! COME! OUR FIRST GREAT TRIUMPH AWAITS US!

MEANWHILE LLITH'S BROADCAST HAD BEEN RECEIVED ON BLACKHAWK ISLAND...

HAVE YOU CHARTED THE SOURCE OF THE BROADCAST?

THE TRANSLATORS NAILED IT DOWN! TOO BAD THEY DIDN'T STAY ON THE AIR A FEW MINUTES LONGER! I COULD HAVE GIVEN YOU THEIR STREET ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER!

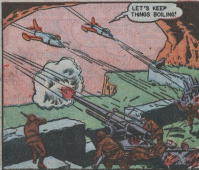
BUT I'VE GOT IT CHARTED WITHIN A TIGHT AREA! I MARKED IT OFF ON THE MAP!

CLOSE ENOUGH! WE CAN'T MISS FINDING IT! TO THE PLANES, MEN!

A SHORT TIME LATER, THE BLACKHAWK PLANES APPROACH A CLIFFSIDE FORTRESS!

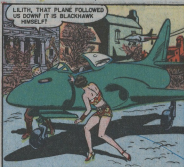
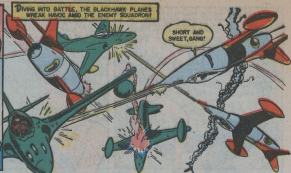
BOOM BOOM

WE'RE GETTING A WARM WELCOME!



THE DREAD RALLYING CRY OF THE BLACKHAWKS STRIKES TERROR INTO THE HEARTS OF THE DEFENDERS!





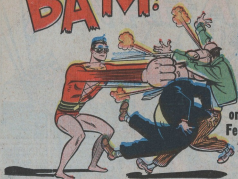


LATER, AS VOLUNTEERS TURN BACK THE WEIRD WEED MENACE...



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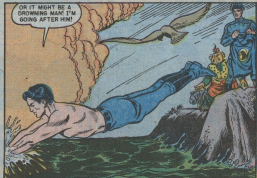


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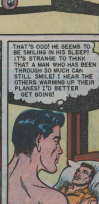
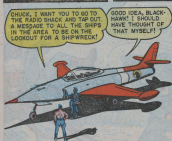
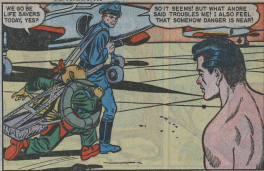
AND LATER ON BLACKHAWK ISLAND...



BLACKHAWK



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BLACKHAWK



HERE HE COMES! GET READY!

WITH BLACKHAWK HIMSELF OUT OF THE WAY OUR INVASION OF BLACK HAWK ISLAND IS MORE THAN HALF COMPLETED!



NOW!

WHA...?



I THOUGHT THAT TREES WERE STRICTLY FOR THE BIRDS BUT I'M LEARNING DIFFERENTLY!

YOU MOVE QUICKLY ...BUT EVEN THAT WILL NOT SAVE YOU!



IT MIGHT! HERE'S A SAMPLE OF MY QUICK FIST!

GET HIM... ARGHH!



YOU DIDN'T SPECIFY WHO WAS TO GET WHOM...SO WE'LL DO IT MY WAY!

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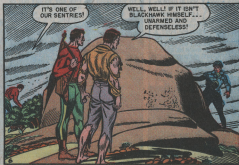


YOU ARE A COURAGEOUS MAN, BLACKHAWK! BUT NOW IT REALLY DOESN'T MATTER!

DON'T GET AHEAD OF YOURSELF! YOU HAVEN'T PULLED THE TRIGGER YET!



...AND I DON'T THINK YOU WILL!



BLACKHAWK



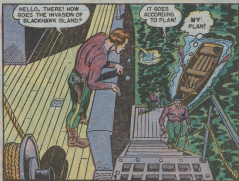
BUT AS BLACKHAWK IS LED AWAY...



BLACKHAWK



BLACKHAWK



BUT... YOU ARE STRANGERS... **ARGGGHHH!**

THAT'S RIGHT! I WOULDN'T WANT TO BE A FRIEND OF YOURS! ALL RIGHT, ANDRE! LET'S PAY A CALL ON THE SHIP'S CAPTAIN!



THERE IS COLD STEEL AT YOUR NECK! SO YOU WILL INSTRUCT ALL OF YOUR CREW TO GATHER IN THE ENGINE ROOM! GET ON THE INTER-COM AND PASS THE WORD ALONG IMMEDIATELY!



AND I WILL GO DOWN TO ZE ENGINE ROOM AND BOLT ZE DOOR BEHIND ZEM!

CAPTAIN TO CREW! ASSEMBLE IN ENGINE ROOM UNTIL FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS!

THAT MAN POINTS A GUN AT OUR CAPTAIN! SOMETHING MUST BE DONE ABOUT THIS AT ONCE!



ZEY ARE ALL LOCKED UP NOW! ZE VULTURES AND ZEIR PLANS FOR ESPIONAGE ARE FIN!

I WISH IT WERE TRUE BUT IT ISN'T! LOOK BEHIND YOU, ANDRE!



ZEY SEEM TO MULTIPLY LIKE RABBITS! YOU KNOCK DOWN ONE VULTURE AND ZEN YOU SEE THREE MORE!



THE ODDS ARE AGAINST US BUT WE CAN'T STOP NOW!



DERE IS NO SHIPWRECK AND WE MISS ALL DER FIGHTING ON DER ISLAND SO WE COME TO HELP YOU NOW! CHUCK TELLS US ON DER RADIO TO COME BACK TO DER ISLAND AND DEN WE TAKE DER BOAT AND COME HERE!



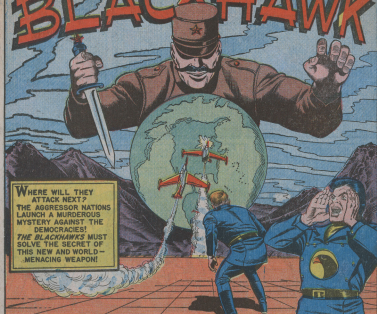
AND IN THE NICK OF TIME, TOO! COME ON AND LET'S CLIP THE VULTURES' WINGS!

AND THAT EVENING... HERE'S A TOAST TO THE INVASION THAT FAILED! BLACKHAWK ISLAND IS SAFE AND SECURE AGAIN!



ON THE LAND AND ON THE SEA WE'LL BANISH OUR ENEMY! WE'RE BLACKHAWKS!

BLACKHAWK



**WHERE WILL THEY
ATTACK NEXT?
THE AGGRESSOR NATIONS
LAUNCH A MURDEROUS
MYSTERY AGAINST THE
DEMOCRACIES!
THE BLACKHAWKS MUST
SOLVE THE SECRET OF
THIS NEW AND WORLD-
MENACING WEAPON!**

**WITHOUT WARNING ENEMY BOMBERS
STRIKE AN AMERICAN-OPERATED ISLAND
FORTRESS NEAR THE SEAT OF WAR!**



**FORT J-X TO ALL
AIR FIELDS! WE'RE
BEING BLITZED BY
FIGHTER-ESCORTED
RED BOMBERS!**

**OUR PLANES HERE ARE
FIGHTING, BUT CAN'T HOLD
THEM OFF LONG! WE NEED
HELP...PLENTY OF IT
AND QUICK!**



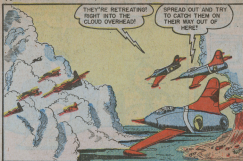
**AND THE CALL IS HEARD AT
BLACKHAWK ISLAND, WHERE
APPEALS FOR HELP NEVER GO
UNHEEDED!**

**FULL SPEED
AWAY! WE'RE
FLYING TO THE
RELIEF OF
FORT J-X!**



BLACKHAWK

ARRIVING IN THE nick OF TIME, THE BLACKHAWKS TURN THE TIDE OF BATTLE...



THEY'RE RETREATING!
RIGHT INTO THE
CLOUD OVERHEAD!

SPREAD OUT AND TRY
TO CATCH THEM ON
THEIR WAY OUT OF
HERE!

BUT PURSUIT SEEMS HOPELESS...

THEY SEEM TO HAVE
VANISHED! WE CAN'T
SPOT A SINGLE RED
PLANE!

COME BACK
AND LAND ON
THE ISLAND
AIRFIELD!



YOU WEREN'T A MOMENT
TOO SOON, BLACKHAWK!
THIS IS A VALUABLE
EXPERIMENTAL BASE.
YOU KNOW! IF THEY'D
BEEN ABLE TO DE-
STROY IT...

THEY DIDN'T,
THANK THE
GOD OF LUCK!
BUT I'M SORRY
WE LOST SIGHT
OF THEM SO
EASILY!



THEY MUST HAVE
COME FROM SOME-
WHERE NEARBY...
WITH SHORT-SHOT
FIGHTERS AMONG
THEM... BUT
WHERE? THERE'S
LOTS OF OCEAN
BETWEEN HERE AND
THE ENEMY-HELD
MAINLAND!

HERE COME SOME
AMERICAN PLANES
TO PROTECT US!
MAYBE THEY CAN
SHED SOME LIGHT
ON THE MYSTERY!

WHEN THE NEW PLANES LAND...

I'M JUST AS BAFFLED
AS YOU ARE, SIR! NO
ISLANDS, NO CARRIERS,
NO NOTHING FOR
THOSE MYSTERY
RAIDERS TO TAKE
OFF FROM...
NOT FOR HOURS
AROUND!

FORT J-X
IS SAFE
UNDER YOUR
GUARD NOW!
WE'LL
DOUBLE BACK
TO BLACK-
HAWK ISLAND!



BUT, AS THE BLACKHAWKS NEAR THEIR SEA-GIRT HOME...



LOOK BELOW, MEN!
WHAT'S HAPPENED
TO BLACKHAWK
ISLAND?

A BOMBING ATTACK
WHILE WE WERE
GONE!

NOT TOO MUCH
DAMAGE! BUT
IF WE'D BEEN
HERE SOME OF
US MIGHT HAVE
BEEN BLOWN
TO BITS!

THOSE MYSTERY
RAIDERS MUST
HAVE COME
HERE, TOO! BUT
HOW COULD
THEY TRAVEL
SO FAR IN
THOSE SHORT-
SHOT PLANES?



VENTRE-SANT-
GRIS? ZEY ARE
MYSTERY PLANES
INDEED! HOW CAN
WE LEARN ZE
SECRET?

BY STUDY,
ANDRE! GATHER
ROUND, MEN,
WE'LL CONSIDER
ALL THE
ANGLES!



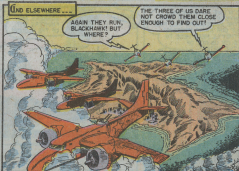
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NEARLY HALF A WORLD AWAY, ANDRE AND HENDRICKSON HAVE
FOLLOWED A DIM TRAIL TO THE HEART OF AN ISLAND JUNGLE....



BLACKHAWK



LOOKEE SEE! OLAF AND STANISLAUS COME HOME!

HENDRICKSON AND ANDRE, TOO! LET'S HEAR WHAT THEY HAVE TO REPORT!

AY MAN GET ONLY GLIMPSE OF PLAN FOR WHAT THEY CAN CALL SKY-BASE! LOOKED LIKE BLUEPRINT FOR GIANT PLANE!

SKYBASE? ZE MEN WHO MAKE AN AIRPORT IN ZE JUNGLE USED ZAT SAME WORD!

BUT WE ALREADY KNOW THEY'RE USING AIRCRAFT! WE'VE SEEN THEIR BOMBERS AND THEIR FIGHTERS!

BUT NOT WHAT THEY CALL THE SKYBASE! WE HAVE TO SEE IT AND SMASH IT!



HOW CAN WE FIND THE SKYBASE, WHAT-EVER IT MIGHT BE?

TRICK IT INTO COMING TO US, CHUCK! COME ON, I WANT TO WRITE OUT A RADIO BROADCAST FOR YOU TO GIVE!

QUICKLY CHUCK BROADCASTS WHAT BLACKHAWK PREPARES...

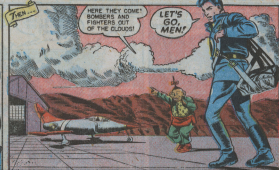
ATTENTION, HEADQUARTERS! NEW RANGE FINDING EQUIPMENT AT BLACKHAWK ISLAND NEARING COMPLETION! IT WILL GIVE US A BIG ADVANTAGE WHEN IT'S FINISHED!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND! NO SUCH EQUIPMENT IS BEING MADE HERE!



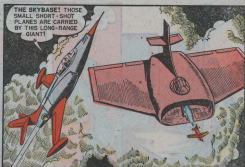
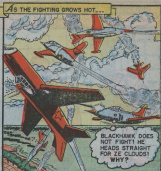
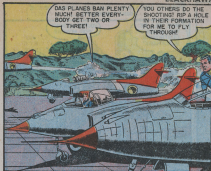
I'M LIKE HENDRICKSON... MYSTIFIED! BESIDES THAT THE ADDRESSORS WILL PICK UP OUR RADIO MESSAGE! THEY'LL HEAD HERE TO BLOW US OUT OF THE WATER!

THAT'S THE WHOLE IDEA! I WANT THEM TO RAD US! STAND BY TO FIGHT BACK!

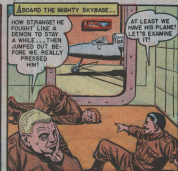
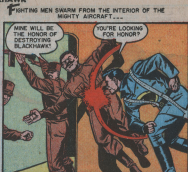


HERE THEY COME! BOMBERS AND FIGHTERS OUT OF THE CLOUDS!

LET'S GO, MEN!



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NEXT INSTANT, THE PLANE, THE LOAD OF EXPLOSIVE AND THE MIGHTY SKYBASE ARE BLOWN TO WRECKAGE IN THE UPPER AIR!

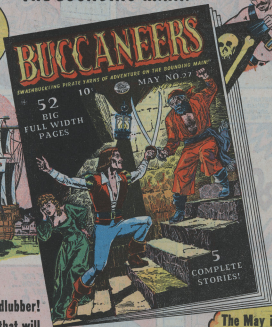


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pirate raiders roamed
the seven seas!



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YIPSEE DOODLE! NOW WE CAN BE GLAMOUROUS! ME GET VELLY GOOD PICTURE AND SEND TO GIRL FIEND IN CHINA!



And a few minutes later...



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OH, WOE! ME LUN UP DEAD-END STREET! PUFF-PUFF! NOW ME GET CAUGHT!



HALT, OR I'LL SHOOT!

ALL RIGHT, BUD! COME WITH ME!

TAKE ME AWAY! PUT ME IN PRISON!



SIR, THIS MAN WAS ACTING AWFUL SUSPICIOUS! I THINK HE'S A CRIMINAL!

WE NOT KNOW WHAT HE BE! ME KNOW HE VERRY UNHAPPY!



THIS MAN ISN'T A CRIMINAL! HE'S A MEMBER OF THE BLACKHAWKS!

THAT BE TRUE! ME CHOP CHOP! BUT MY PICTURE BE IN POST OFFICE! IT SAY ME WANTED FOR ARREST!



GO WITH HIM TO THE POST OFFICE AND SEE IF YOU CAN CLEAR THE BUSINESS UP! THEN REPORT BACK IMMEDIATELY!

SURE, CHIEF, WE'RE ON OUR WAY!



SEE, IS NO LIE! THAT SEE, THERE'S ANOTHER DEADPUL PICTURE UNDERNEATH! A FELLOW NALONE, WHO'S WANTED FOR ARREST!



WELL, HERE'S YOUR PICTURE! DON'T YOU WANT IT?

NO! ME NEVER TAKE ANOTHER PICTURE AGAIN! ME NEVER GO NEAR ANOTHER CAMERA! IS VERRY MUCH TOO DANGEROUS! GOON-BYE!



The Vanishing Cars

DETECTIVE First Grade, John Grady was puffing a bit in the recreation room at the 35th Precinct Station. He was six foot two or three, two hundred thirty pounds of solid muscle, and was rather good looking with his heavy shock of auburn hair and brown eyes. "I think eight games of ping-pong in this weather is a bit too much for any man," he said as he wiped the perspiration from his forehead.

Grady's complaint fell upon the unsympathetic ears of his partner and buddy, Detective Second Grade, Thomas Purcell. With his thinning black hair, sharp nose and shrewd pale green eyes, small moustache, and a good homely honest face he looked like a henpecked husband. He was about five feet seven and never discussed his weight. Just now he had something to tell his sidekick. "Captain Frank Reed wants to see us in his office. And pronto! Seems they are raising the dickens down at headquarters and want action on the way new cars are vanishing in the city. So forget the ping-pong and let's be on the way to see our Big Boss."

Captain Frank Reed, middle aged, with gray-black hair and friendly blue eyes was reading a report when his two best men entered his office. He dropped the paper down on his desk and motioned them both to be seated. "I guess you both have an inkling why I want you. The Commissioner is all steamed up about the way car thieves have been operating in our city. The newspapers have been cooperating by telling the public not to leave their keys in the car and never to leave a motor running in an unattended car. Two more cars were stolen this morning. Here are the names of the owners. Go see them at once. You are both relieved from all other details. I don't want much. Just find out who these boys are and how they managed to make cars vanish into thin air."

The first name on the list was Miss Henrietta Madison. She lived in a small private house on Pine and Third Streets. The two officers drove over to her house and John Grady started to do the talking. But not much for

this middle aged spinster was a most determined woman who knew her own mind.

"Leave my key in the ignition? Absolutely not!" she declared in a high pitched voice. "And you may rest assured I closed the doors of my car every time I parked it. I was shopping at Rawleigh's Department Store. Left my car on Fourth Avenue. A brand new Buick. Just had it one month. Now it's up to you to find my car. As a tax-payer am I or am I not entitled to your services?"

Detective Grady assured her he would do everything in his power to locate the missing vehicle. They next drove over to see Mr. Henry Masters in his office. Mr. Masters was a young accountant who was keeping company with a nice college girl.

"You can imagine how angry she was," he admitted, "when I didn't show up for the date. She didn't believe me when I told her the car was stolen. And to think I took every precaution." Saying this he dug his right hand into his trouser pocket and came up with some keys. "Here's the ignition key, and here's the door key. Two special separate keys. How did those crooks ever get my car? It was parked outside my office." Detective Purcell took the keys and handed them to his partner. Detective Grady handed the keys to the accountant and then looked at his fingers. They felt a bit slippery.

"If you don't mind," he explained, "I would like to have your two car keys for a check down at the police laboratory. I have an idea and want to see whether or not I know how this gang of auto thieves work."

Dr. William Gillis, head of the Police Laboratory adjusted his eyeglasses as he examined carefully the contents of a small test tube. "You were right John," he complimented the detective. "And this proves it. Both keys show they came in contact with impression wax. Get the keys from the other people who have reported their cars stolen during the last three weeks and we'll run the same test for wax."

One dozen keys landed in Dr. Gillis' custody and he tested all of them for wax. "Ten

show definitely they have come into contact with impression wax. And the same brand, mind you. One is completely negative. The other is doubtful. From now on you have to get the culprit without my laboratory."

Detective First Grade, John Grady was jubilant as he sat in Captain Reed's office. "We'll have this case wrapped up in no time," he began. "I know how they operate. They manage to make an impression of the car's keys. Then they send out two of their men. One watches the prospective victim get out of the car and the other does the stealing. Simple, isn't it? Tommy is out on the phone getting me the rest of the data. Calling up all the people. There must be some central point where this gang gets the impressions. And it can only be that the owners park their cars in the same garage."

A sad and humble Detective Thomas Purcell joined his buddy in the office. "It was a pipe dream," he complained. "Four of the people I called keep their cars in their own private garages. The rest have them either in different garages or parking lots in the city. Let's get out of here while the going is good."

John Grady was at the wheel of their patrol car as they swung down Sixth Avenue. "I'm glad we got out of the office before the Captain realized what a bust we were. We're on the right track about how this gang steals the cars. But we got to find some central point where they could get a chance to make impressions of the keys." Suddenly the Detective lifted his eyes as he saw a large billboard. "There is our chance!" he shouted to his partner. "Wash your car for One Dollar! Call up those people again and find out if they use the same car washing service."

Late that evening the two officers stopped their car outside "The Quick Efficiency Dollar Washing Service." John Grady followed by his partner entered a small office. A man with a weasel face was reading a racing form. "Hey you two," he protested, "this is a private office. No strangers admitted." Detective Grady's eyes spotted a cake of impression wax on the desk. He went for it and the man arose ready for trouble. It came but not in the way the two police officers expected it.

"Just reach for the ceiling and no funny business unless you want to stop hot lead," a

heavy voice commanded. Turning around, Grady and Purcell saw a man in overalls holding an automatic in his hand. "Frisk them, Pete," continued the man. "And get their guns, handcuffs, keys and blackjacks." The order was quickly executed. A trapdoor in the floor was opened. The man called Pete handcuffed the two detectives together using both pairs of cuffs. Then the other man who was called Slimy ordered them both down a long flight of stairs. In the dim light they could see rows of new cars. "So that's where you store them. Pretty slick set-up you fellows had."

"Don't mind a bit of honest admiration," admitted Slimy. "Too bad you fellows butted in on my racket. I can smell cop a mile away. That's why I'm outside not inside a prison."

"What are you going to do with us?" asked Detective Purcell.

"Now that was a sixty dollar question," was the reply. "I have to go up. I'll be down in a few minutes. Take your choice. I can gas you both. Or drop you into the bay in a cement coffin. Or a bullet through the head. I'm not particular. You fellows can make the decision."

As soon as the door above closed, Detective Grady went into action. He managed to get his wallet from his hip pocket. "Lucky they didn't take it. Always carry an extra handcuff key," he said to his partner. After releasing the handcuffs from their wrists, Grady placed them across one of the steps. "Now yell real loud," he directed his buddy. "When Slimy comes down he'll trip. I'm going for the gun and his partner. You take care of him." And Purcell followed orders with a loud, "Oh, my head!"

The door opened and a figure with a gun hurried down, hit the handcuffs and tumbled down, losing possession of the gun. In a flash Grady got it, ran upstairs and collared a bewildered man still holding a racing form in his hand.

Detectives Grady and Purcell enjoyed the praise of their superior officer. "To think we got all eight of them in the racket. They made the impression while driving the car through car showers. Then they made a duplicate. They would follow the car for a few days and steal it. Downstairs they had a perfect set-up for repainting stolen cars and forging registration papers. You boys did a swell job."

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PARDONNEZ-MOI,
BLACKHAWK! I
WILL...WHAT
YOU SAY...
TAKE ZE BREATH
OF AIR OUTSIDE!

I HOPE
THE AIR'S
HEALTHY
ANDRE!

PARLEZ-
NOUS D'AMOUR
--- TRA LA
LA, TRA
LA ---


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ALORS!
HANDS OFF
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YOU HESITATE WHEN I
SPEAK, SPECIES OF A
PEEP!

LOOK OUT FOR THE
OTHER ONE, ANDRE!

ZUT! YOU TWO ARE
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MY PRISONNIERS!

ANDRE... CATCH
ME... I'M GOING
TO PAINT!

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MATTER! ARE YOU
INJURED? WOUNDED?

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HEY WHAT...

HANDS OFF OF HER, CHUCK! COME, TROISA, RUN!



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I SEE THEM GOING! ANDRE IS SAFE WITH US!

YES, AND IF HE THINKS TO BETRAY US, HE DIES... HERE AND NOW!

BLACKHAWK



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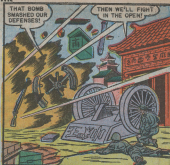
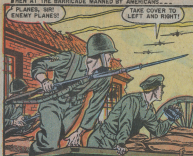
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